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(U) Rancho Cucamonga – Man Arrested after Allegedly Shooting and Stabbing Multiple People in Rampage

(U) A man has been arrested for shooting and stabbing multiple people during a rampage through Rancho Cucamonga. Sergio Rodriguez, 46, is being held on \$4 million bail, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department said in a news release. Officers responded to an incident early Wednesday morning, where the suspect had allegedly shot at a vehicle multiple times. After fleeing in a vehicle, the suspect struck another vehicle on the road, police said. When the driver pulled over, Rodriguez attempted to carjack them and stabbed the person multiple times. Rodriguez got back in his car and continued driving, police said. He later rammed his car into another vehicle, stabbed that person several times and fled the scene again. When Rodriguez tried to abandon his car, officers located him and tried to arrest him; he resisted and slashed at a deputy with a box cutter. As police addressed those incidents, calls came in from people who said they had been shot at in the surrounding area; including one victim had been shot in the leg. Police recovered a semi-automatic weapon and a box cutter from one of the crime scenes, and are linking nine victims to the suspect.

SOURCE: 14 May 2020, [CNN](#)

(U) Sacramento – California Prepares for More Wildfires as COVID-19 Challenges Budget

(U) California has had 60% more wildfires so far in 2020 than last year because of drier weather, Governor Gavin Newsom said on Wednesday, and he promised increased funding for firefighting even as the state's budget faces a \$54 billion hit from the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak. The pandemic is also resulting in updated plans for handling evacuations and tactics for fighting wildfires, state officials said. Governor Newsom, who is set to release a dramatic revision of his proposed state budget on Thursday, said he did have to trim parts of the budgets for some state response agencies, but overall funding for first responders would increase by \$170 million.

SOURCE: 13 May 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) Santa Monica – Woman Arrested For Selling COVID-19 Testing Kits without FDA Approval

(U) A Santa Monica woman was arrested on 12 May for allegedly selling COVID-19 testing kits that have not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration. The Los Angeles Police Department in coordination with DHS Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) says it seized 61 unapproved COVID-19 test kits from Ying Lien Wang, 39, who is accused of selling them on Craigslist. Undercover detectives bought kits from Wang three times before arresting her, police reported. The woman was arrested on suspicion of false advertising and faces additional pending charges for violating health and safety codes.

SOURCE: 13 May 2020, [ABC 7](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – US Border Patrol Thwarts a Large Human Smuggling Attempt

(U) Laredo – Border Patrol agents, in a single enforcement action, thwarted a human smuggling attempt and recovered a stolen trailer at a Border Patrol checkpoint, north of Laredo. The incident occurred on 11 May, when a tractor hauling a trailer approached the checkpoint. During an immigration inspection

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of the driver, a service canine alerted to the trailer. Agents searched the trailer and discovered 49 individuals, including four juveniles, all illegally present in the US from the countries of Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras. All individuals were taken into custody pending investigation. The driver, a US citizen, was also taken into custody.

SOURCE: 13 May 2020, [CBP](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) Maryland – US Customs Seize Shipments Counterfeit COVID-19 Protective Equipment, Tests At Ports**

(U) Baltimore – US Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) seized illegal shipments of personal protective equipment, COVID-19 tests and unapproved medicine at several ports, including the Port of Baltimore. CBP agents were inspecting packages when they seized a shipment of 1,200 Linhua Qingwen capsules that arrived from Hong Kong. Linhua Qingwen are being used to treat COVID-19 patients, but their effectiveness is unknown and they remain unapproved medicine in the US. Since 23 March, CBP officers have seized more than 1,350 unapproved and counterfeit COVID-19 test kits, nearly 400 counterfeit N95 respirator masks, nearly 2,500 doses of unapproved and potentially counterfeit medicine.

SOURCE: 13 May 2020, [CBS Baltimore](#)

(U) South Carolina – Man Arrested for Bomb Threat Made to NASCAR's Darlington Raceway

(U) Darlington – A South Carolina man was arrested on 12 May for allegedly threatening to detonate an explosive device at Darlington Raceway, where the suspended NASCAR season is set to restart on 17 May. Darlington County Sheriff's Investigators said that Michael Donovan Avin phoned in threatening messages to the track on 27 April. Full details of the message have not yet been revealed, but the arrest warrant stated that it "described a possible explosive device and the results it may create to further his cause." Avin is currently being held on charges of possession, threatened or attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction for an act of terrorism, not resulting in death.

SOURCE: 13 May 2020, [FOX](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Burkina Faso – Eight Soldiers Killed in Jihadist Attack in Northern Burkina Faso**

(U) Abidjan – On 11 May, suspected jihadists militants ambushed a village in northern Burkina Faso, killing eight government soldiers. Four of the eight bodies were missing, but recently found during a search. The attack took place in a village called Kankanfogouol, in an area where armed groups move back and forth across the Niger border and carry out attacks in both countries.

SOURCE: 13 May 2020, [News 24](#)

(U) Burkina Faso – Twelve Terror Suspects 'Found Dead in their Cells'

(U) Fada N'Gourma – Twelve people arrested on suspicion of terror offences have been found dead in their police cells in Burkina Faso. The prosecutor for the town of Fada N'Gourma said 25 people had been detained overnight on 11 May, and "unfortunately, 12 of them have died during the course of the night in the cells they were being held in". The cause of death is currently unknown and an investigation has been launched. In a similar episode in July 2019, 11 people accused of drug trafficking were found dead in a cell belonging to the national police's drugs squad.

SOURCE: 13 May 2020, [BBC](#)

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